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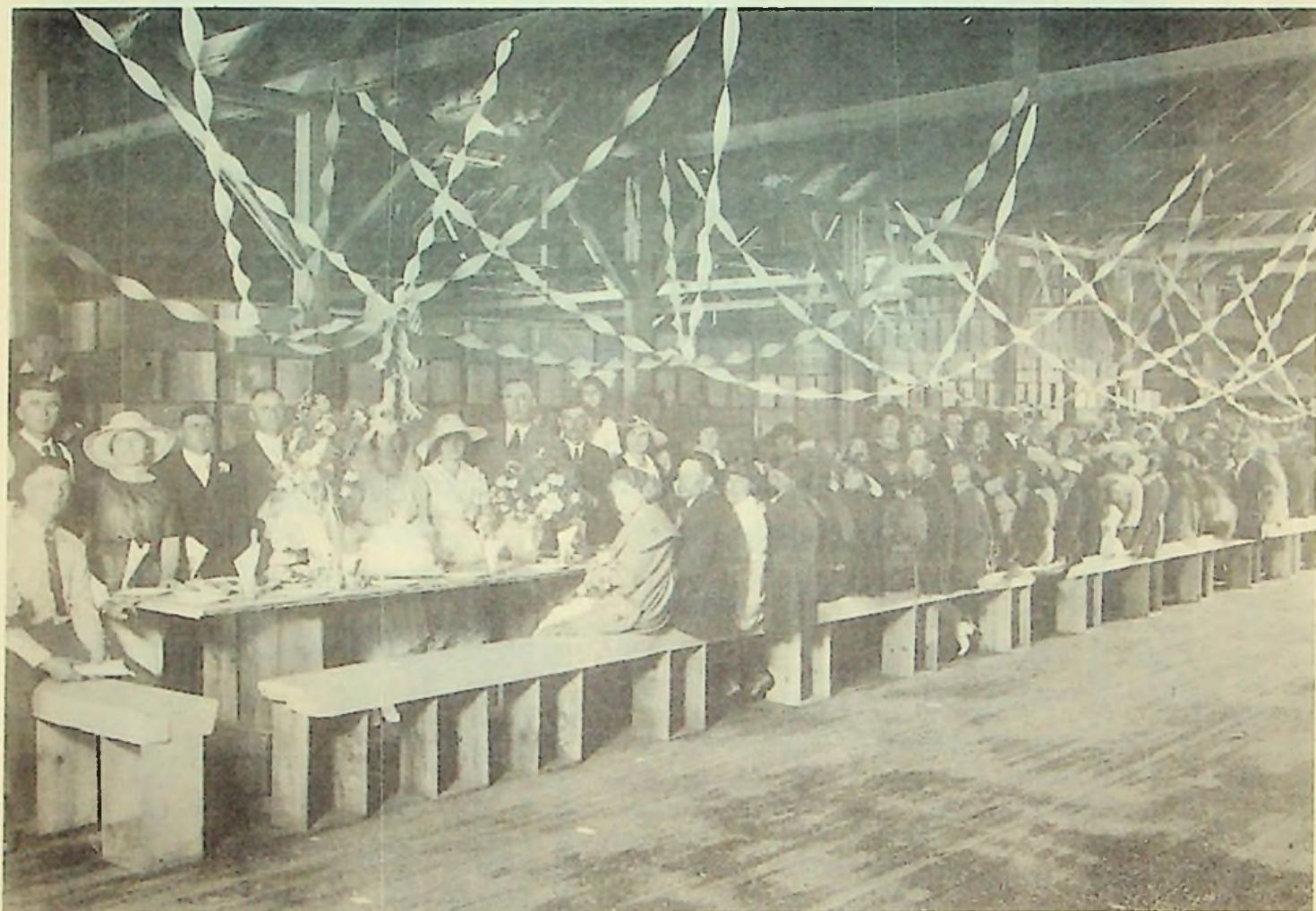
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*John Secondo and Lucy Arkulin's Wedding Party in P.P. Stolic's Apple Packing Shed, 1921*

*— Photo courtesy of Marjorie Secondo*

The exhibit "The Yugoslavian Community in Santa Cruz County" has been a great success at the Pajaro Valley Gallery in Watsonville. It closes at that location on August 13th. If you won't be able to see it there, it re-opens at the Octagon Museum, 118 Cooper Street, Santa Cruz on Saturday, August 27th and continues there until November 4th. There will be an Opening Celebration at the Octagon from 3 - 5 p.m. on the 27th. Entertainment will be provided by the Harmonija Choir.

— See you there! —



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

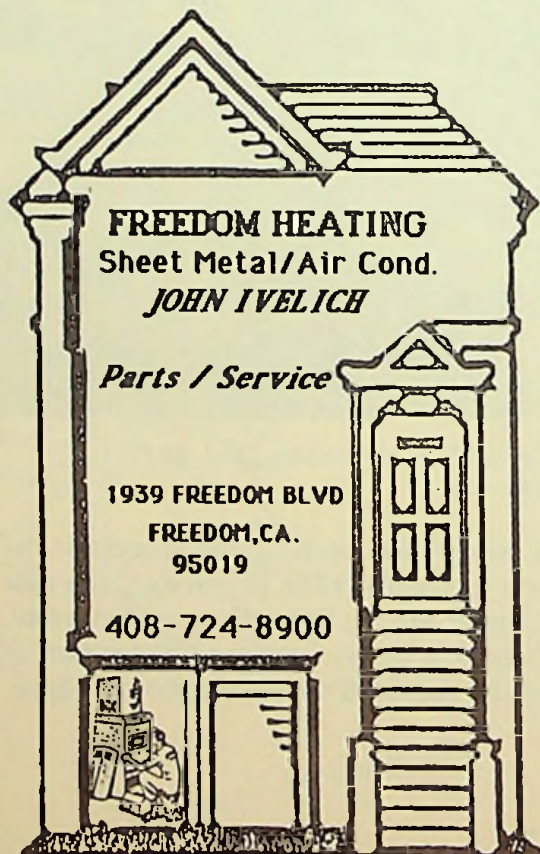
Well Folks, another Bar-B-Q is in the past. The food was the best ever, the music, the meeting of old friends, the pleasant weather all made it an enjoyable day to remember. To have an event of this caliber takes a lot of dedicated hard-working people.

My special thanks go to the set up and clean up committee: Jack Osorio, Tony Colendich, Mato Paljetak, John Basor and friend, Steve Zalac and Tim Gospodnetich. Thanks to John Ivanovich for the loan of the Bar-B-Q pit.

To our cooks Antone Basich, Zarko Radich and Ron Hill — The meat was fantastic, guys. "Great job!"

A special thanks to Taso and Alex Solano for the fine tasting beans. To Lena Derpich, Stephanie Bokariza, Fran Colendich and Ann Nanut for the great pasta salad. "Good work, girls."

Thanks to our bartenders John Colendich and Chuck Heebner. And to Babe Hill, Shirley Hamblin and Gerry Belick for selling Dinner tickets and Y.A.C.O. pins. Thanks to Gerri Heebner and her daughter Lori for selling tickets. Carole Gospodnetich and Edith Knowles for the decorations. Thanks to Nevenka Radich, Ella Korach, Slavica Zelak for setting up the desserts. Weren't they good?



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Also to Mary Gizdich who was with us in spirit. "Get well, Mary."

To Sasha, Brian and Mis Radich for wrapping the table service. "Thanks, boys."

To Mary Basich, Nick Miloslavich and Lori Heebner for serving the food. To Jo Puhera for collecting Dinner tickets. To Andy Gulermovich and John Biskup for setting up the sound system. I know that most of you people did more than one job, so thanks more than one time. I hope I have remembered everyone. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me.

By the way, congratulations to Patricia Vaughn of Aptos. She was the lucky winner of the trip to Yugoslavia!

Sincerely,

Jerry Gospodnetich

P.S. — SEE YOU AT OUR CHICKEN AND MACARONI BAR-B-Q Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 4th** at the V.F.W. Hall!

### SECOND CHANCE! If you'll miss the Exhibit THE YUGOSLAVIAN COMMUNITY IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

at the Pajaro Valley Gallery in Watsonville  
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*August 27 - November 4*

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# Potpourri

BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

Well, did you have a good time at the July bar-b-que??? The weather was just great after the fog, of course. Guesses on the attendance ran from 250 to 325. As yet I haven't heard the actual count . . . There were a lot of out-of-towners. Adam Eterovich brought a bus full from the SF Bay area, but among some of the "over the hill gang" were Elsie and Walter Matt, Sophie Gluhaich, her mother Draga Deretich, Milan and Daisy Popovich and her mother Mile Galeb, Geri Belick and her daughter, M/M Skilj, Luce Hazdovac (from the southlands) and Donko Farcic — and those were only the ones I recognized. Otherwise, we had four generations: Jeannette Jacinto, her daughter Shirley Hamblin, her son Aaron Hamblin and his son Jason Hamblin, plus two more grandchildren of Cecil and Shirley. M/M Alex Solano had three grandchildren, Tony Colendich with two grandchildren, and Andy and Pat Gulermovich with two grandchildren. It looks like a whole new generation of YACOs . . . Art Rodich and the Balkan Allstars (with singer Charity) were really great. They have a cassette out. Call Art at 257-1116; it's a real good selection. You'd better get one fast before they are gone . . . We had a lot of nice raffle items. Sorry I don't know any of the winners . . . GOOD THOUGHTS and POSITIVE ENERGIES go out to Mary Gizdich and Luce Basor. You were both surely missed . . . Please help us celebrate our TENTH anniversary!!! Please buy a YACO PIN. We have two kinds: they are in three or four colors and are they ever attractive!?! They are real eye catchers and collector's items, and you don't have to be a member to have one. So call Jerry and Carole to get yours! . . . American Academic Homes Exchange (1 - 800 - 544-2293) is looking for homes for students from Yugo. (*Editor's note — see item on page 6 re: this.*) If you know of anyone who can help out, please have them call that number. . . Don't forget a donation for the Yugo Olympic Team. They are in need of our help. Send your donation to John Basor, 69 Bronson St., Watsonville, CA 95076. John is in Yugo right now but he would sure welcome your donation . . . Familiar names and faces: Sasha, Mis and Bryan Radich (these boys always do the nap-kin wrapping), M/M J. Selak, Mitch Selak, Steve and Slavica Zelac, M/M J. Lukrich, M/M Paljetak, Linda Watham, M/M J. Osorio, Nina Matulich, Becky Hoffman, Heebner, Derpich, and to someone special, a very special "hello" to Ann Short. Come and see us sometime . . . must close for now.

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## ANOTHER SIDE OF YUGOSLAVIAN CULTURE:

*While we've been urging everyone not to miss the Exhibit "The Yugoslavian Community in Santa Cruz County," the following notice of a recent book by area writer Dragoslav Georgevich reflects another part of Yugoslavian history.*

### AT THE CROSSROADS

by Dragoslav Georgevich

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published by BRATSTVO, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1988, ISBN 0-921562-00-4

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A study with source materials of the history of the Second World War in Yugoslavia, this book consists of three parts.

The first part, "Two Days in Yugoslav History, March 25 and 27," is a study of the Yugoslav crisis which resulted in the invasion of Yugoslavia by Hitler.

The second part, "Conversations and Correspondence with Prince Paul of Yugoslavia (1968-1975)," is primary source material in which Prince Paul explains his acts during the crisis in 1941 when he tried to avoid Yugoslavia's involvement in the war.

The third part is an interview with Colonel Zarko Popovic, the Yugoslav military attache in Moscow during the days after 27 March when both Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union attempted to use each other against Hitler.

All three parts represent one whole, the Yugoslav crisis of 1941 which caused her downfall.

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### — DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER —

*Karen Kusanovich*, granddaughter of YACO member Mary Kusanovich Cross, graduated in June from San Jose State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts and Mathematics. She is working now as a Senior Designer at her parents' (Mark and Pat Kusanovich) flower shop, "San Jose Florists.

*Kristin Kusanovich* received her Bachelor of Arts/Dance from Santa Clara University last month. She plans to attend New York University next month and work towards her Masters Degree.



# THE OCTAGON.

Santa Cruz County Historical Museum

118 Cooper Street  
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The Santa Cruz County Historical Trust - Octagon Museum would like to thank the Yugoslavian Community of Santa Cruz County and especially the Yugoslavian-American Cultural Organization for their participation and generous contributions of information, artifacts and refreshments. Without their assistance, the exhibition, "A History of the Yugoslavian Community in Santa Cruz County" would not have been possible. The welcome response to the exhibition in Watsonville and the excitement about its move to the Octagon Museum in Santa Cruz prove its importance to the citizens of this area.

Nikki Silva, guest curator, began in January to acquaint herself with the Yugoslavian Community, collect information and artifacts. She admits that the exhibition is not able to tell the whole story or history of the Yugoslavian Community. More research, time and space would be needed.

The Historical Trust contracts with the county to run the Octagon Museum and various other programs. The Museum prepares and presents five to six exhibits a year with a focus on the people and places of Santa Cruz County. "A History of the Yugoslavian Community in Santa Cruz County" was funded in part by a grant from the Cultural Council and the Cabrillo College Foundation/Lillian Rouse. The Historical Trust must look to outside sources and the community to help fund its many exhibits. Any financial donations by your organization or individual members to defer the cost of exhibit preparation would be most appreciated and contribute to the continuation of the exhibit. Any questions on how you can help can be directed to the Octagon Museum at 425-2540.

AGAIN, thank-you for your support and generosity!!!





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10 apples, cored and partially peeled, then cut into eight pieces.

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Remove from stove, mash with potato masher, then add:

½ tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. vanilla

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A year-around series of programs and events has proven an enjoyable way for YACO to provide its focus on Slavic heritage. Such activities include picnics, lectures and slide presentations on Yugoslavia and its historic culture, plus potluck and sit-down dinners. We also publish a monthly newsletter, THE KALIFORNSKI, full of interesting articles, recipes, and news of our area's Yugoslav community.

Our meetings (the first Sunday of each month) may include a potluck, special dinner, films, dancing, and raffles, plus we hold an annual July barbeque.

Won't you accept our invitation to join us? We're sure you'll soon find YACO to be one of your favorite clubs.

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THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to share or see published in this newsletter, please let us know. We would appreciate your input in publishing this newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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1. Trips by YACO members
2. Visitors from the Old Country
3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs
6. Yugoslav recipes
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children
10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members

## NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.



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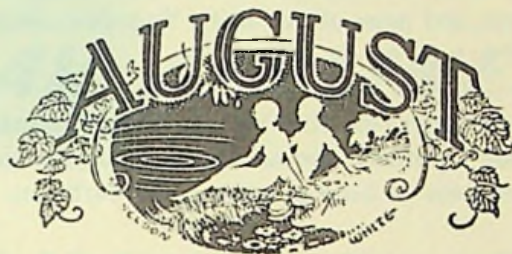
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 Dinner - 7 p.m.  
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- OCT. 2 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall  
 Program
- NOV. 6 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall  
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- DEC. 4 Meeting - 6 p.m., V.F.W. Hall  
 Christmas Dinner - 7 p.m.  
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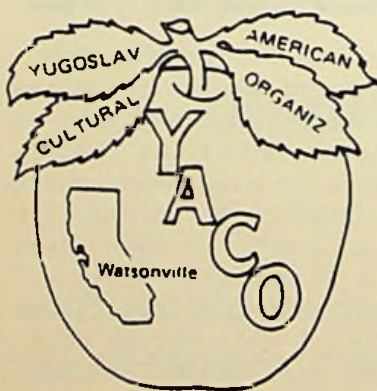
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